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FM AMCONSUL MILAN  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: IT  
SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S MAY 23 VISIT TO MILAN

1. AMBASSADOR'S RETURN TO MILAN MAY 23 TO HONOR COMMITMENT MADE TO SPEAK AT ITALY'S FOREMOST BUSINESS SCHOOL, THE BOCCONI, WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL IN ALL RESPECTS. IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT SINCE THE LECTURE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SCHEDULED ON THE DAY THE MORO MURDER WAS DISCOVERED AND WAS, THEREFORE, CANCELLED AT LAST MINUTE AS THE AMBASSADOR RUSHED BACK TO ROME.

2. SENATOR SPADOLINI, PRESIDENT OF BOCCONI AND A LEADING NATIONAL FIGURE, RETURNED TO MILAN AGAIN SOLELY TO PRESIDE OVER LECTURE ON INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF ENERGY CRISIS. PRESENT WERE ALL SENIOR LOCAL  
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AUTHORITIES, PRESS AND TV AS WELL AS MIXED AUDIENCE OF FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS.

3. MILAN PRESS, INCLUDING CORRIERE, GIORNO, GIORNALE, AND SOLE/24 ORE, GAVE AMBASSADOR'S ADDRESS ACCURATE, FRIENDLY AND PROMINENT COVERAGE ON DAY WHEN SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND AMERICAN NOBEL PRIZE LEONTIEFF WERE ALSO SPEAKING HERE. RAI-TV (TG-2) FILMED EVENT FOR

ITS NEWS CAST AND RAI - RADIO (62-2) DID THREE MINUTE COMMENTARY.  
PRIVATE TV STATION (TELENORD) ALSO PRESENT.

4. RECTOR OF BOCCONI, GASPARINI, WAS VERY COMPLIMENTARY AS WAS  
RECTOR OF STATE UNIVERSITY SCHIAVINATO WHO ATTENDED AND QUESTIONED  
AMBASSADOR MOST CLOSELY DURING DISCUSSION.

5. ONLY REALLY CRITICAL QUESTIONING CENTERED ON CLAIMS THAT U.S.  
NOT SHARING NUCLEAR WEAPON PLANNING USE. AMBASSADOR'S FULL RESPONSE  
PROVIDED WELCOME STATEMENT ON AN ISSUE THAT FREQUENTLY ARISES AMONG  
LOCAL INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY.

6. ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR'S PRESENCE WAS BRIEF, IT ALSO ALLOWED USEFUL  
VALUABLE PRIVATE DISCUSSION OF TERRORIST PROBLEM WITH CHIEF DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY WHO WISHED SOLICIT AMBASSADOR'S ASSISTANCE.

7. THIS HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR'S SEVENTH VISIT TO MILAN SINCE HE  
ASSUMED HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN ITALY. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THESE  
SERIOUS VISITS WHICH HAVE EMBRACED CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND  
COMMERCIAL WORK HAVE CONSTITUTED GREATER AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL ATTENTION

TO NORTHERN ITALIAN AFFAIRS THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME IN POST WAR  
PERIOD. IT ASSURES THAT LOCAL LEADERS KNOW THAT THE  
AMBASSADOR HIMSELF HAS A PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR PROBLEMS  
AND POINT OF VIEW, AND LOCAL LEADERS WELCOME AMBASSADORIAL VISITS  
PRECISELY FOR THIS REASON AND FREQUENTLY REMARK FAVORABLY UPON  
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THEM. MY COLLEAGUES  
AND I VERY MUCH WELCOME THIS TOP LEVEL CONCERN SINCE IT FACILITATES  
OUR SUPPORT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S MISSION AND IT IS A CONCRETE  
DEMONSTRATION OF THE HIGH IMPORTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES ATTRIBUTES TO THAT PART OF ITALY FROM WHICH SO MUCH  
OF THE ITALIAN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL WEATHER  
ORIGINATES FOR THE ENTIRE NATION. FINA

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